

# LTG (Ret) James M. Dubik Writing Fellows Program



## **Heidi Urben Ph.D.**

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Dr. Heidi A. Urben is Professor of the Practice and Director of External Education and Outreach in the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University and a retired U.S. Army colonel. She is also a Senior Associate (Non-Resident) at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Dr. Urben's research interests include civil-military relations, public opinion, military and defense policy, and national security strategy.

A career military intelligence officer, Dr. Urben's previous positions in the U.S. Army include: commander of a military intelligence brigade at Fort Meade, Maryland; Vice Deputy Director of Current Analysis and Warning in the Joint Staff Directorate for Intelligence; Deputy Director for Intelligence in the Joint Staff's National Military Command Center; commander of a military intelligence battalion in Hawaii; Assistant Professor of American Politics, Policy, and Strategy in the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; operations officer and executive officer for a counterintelligence battalion; Military Aide to Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates; and various staff positions in two light infantry divisions, including two combat deployments to Afghanistan and a peacekeeping deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Prior to assuming her current position in the Security Studies Program, Dr. Urben served as a Chamberlain Fellow at Howard University from 2021-2022.

Dr. Urben holds a B.A. in Government and International Studies from the University of Notre Dame, an M.S. in National Security Strategy from the National War College, and an M.P.M., M.A., and Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University.

## **Expertise**

Civil-Military Relations, Defense, Intelligence Analysis, Military Intelligence, Military Operations, National Security, National Security, Military, War and Peace, Public Opinion

## **Featured Works**

[Party, Politics, and the Post-9/11 Army](#)

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# Academic Appointment(s)

## **Primary**

Professor of the Practice, SFS - Center for Security Studies (CSS)

## Education

Georgetown Univ. - D.Phil, Government

Georgetown Univ. - M.A., Government

Georgetown Univ. - MPM, Policy Management

University of Notre Dame - B.A., Government